

JOHN W. FLITTER DIRECTOR **ELECTRIC & GAS REGULATION** 

December 16, 2008

## VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Charles L.A. Terreni Chief Clerk & Administrator **Public Service Commission of South Carolina** 101 Executive Center Drive Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re:

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc., GCRM-125

Docket No: 2006-401-G

Dear Mr. Terreni:

The Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") has received, and had the opportunity to review the above referenced filing made by Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Piedmont" or "PNG"). Piedmont requested a benchmark cost of gas decrease from the current \$8.75 per dekatherm down to \$7.75 per dekatherm. Piedmont requests these changes to be effective with the first billing cycle in January 2009.

ORS has no objection to Piedmont's request for approval of GCRM-125. Thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments in this matter.

Sincerely,

John W. Flitter

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